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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report to Central Air Rescue Center

1. The undersigned visited Central Air Rescue Center, Richards-Gabaur AFB, Missouri, on 21 August 1963, for the purpose of coordinating procedures with the CARC which will provide for air rescue support to Project OXCART in the Middle Western States. Necessary USAF coordination prior to subject visit was accomplished by Colonel Hauser Wilson on 19 August 1963. The undersigned met with the following officers at Central Rescue Center:

Colonel Arthur W. Beall (Commander)
Lt. Colonel William A. Ryan Jr. (Operations Officer)

2. Colonel Beall and Lt. Colonel Ryan were told that the purpose of subject visit was to coordinate and establish procedures to be used by Central Air Rescue in support of a classified U. S. Air Force project. Further, Central Rescue Center should be prepared to implement these procedures not later than 1 September 1963.

3. The Central Rescue Center area of responsibility includes the States generally located [redacted] and westward to the Western Rescue Center area of responsibility. All of the presently approved A-12 training routes within the ZI lie within the two aforementioned Rescue Center areas.

4. Two copies of Top Secret document No. 4900, dated 19 August 1963; subject: Search and Rescue Procedures, were signed over to Colonel Beall. Copies of these procedures are on file in the OXCART Branch, OSA.

5. Colonel Beall and Lt. Colonel Ryan were briefed in detail on these procedures with special emphasis placed on the following:

USAF review(s)
completed.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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a. Central Rescue Center is responsible for "hold-down" of these procedures on a strict "need to know" basis.

b. No news releases relative to subject rescue operations will be made by Central Rescue Center. Any queries for information relative to subject rescue operations will be referred to the Director of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C.

6. Colonel Beall and Lt. Colonel Ryan were both very cooperative and gave assurances that they understood the procedures and would be prepared to implement them as requested.

7. Actions required by Project Headquarters:

a. Rewrite of the rescue procedures contained in Project Headquarters Directive 50-3055-4; subject: Emergency Procedures for Non-Operational A-12 Flights, to include Central Air Rescue support.

b. Distribution of the revised emergency procedures
[redacted] NORAD COC, AFIGO-S, and DIG/Safety.

SIGNED

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OXC/OD/OSA

cc: AFIGO-S (Colonel Wilson)
D/FA/OSA
C/SS/OSA

Distribution:

- #1 - OXC/OD/OSA
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